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that I've heard in opposition to the LB 451 override. And I'd be happy to give you the rest of my time if you'd like to respond to that, so that we can make what is implicit, explicit here, with what people talk about.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Thompson, two and a half minutes.

SENATOR THOMPSON: First of all, the work that was done to create the number of people for the bill was based upon assistance from the criminal justice department at UNO, and I have a note that's just been sent in from the head of state probation. And I have a certain frustration level with the fact that the Governor's Office has made a decision about how the administration is of state probation, but I'm going to kind of try to calm down here a little bit because they have worked on this for two years, they have a plan put in place, they can have timely decisions, and I want to make sure I'm making it clear. All their probation officers are trained in the utilization of this instrument, which is Senator Brown's concern, and the thing you brought up. But because they don't have enough time for probation officers to do all the other duties that they have, they're limited in being able to do this based on utilization...or to utilize it based upon the resources that they have available. Dr. Herz from UNO, and the committee, and state probation got together, they figured out how many minutes on average it takes to make a detention screening instrument use. They figured out where people were located in the state. They went through all the management types of things together. I wasn't a part of that because that's not my area of expertise, and I don't feel it's my place to tell state probation how to manage their department. But they sat down and figured out, and that's...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...in your brochure here, how they figured that out. They will be added to the total resources of the department with this function of juvenile intake probation, so that they can cover all of it. The second issue you raise from a couple of the judges, I will say there were judges on this panel, and we probably can't please everybody in the state. But